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Patent Application Of: Palazzo et al.

For: Electrochemical Treatment Method To Reduce Voltage Delay
And Cell Resistance In Lithium/Silver Vanadium Oxide
Cells

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith

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3. A concise explanation of the possible relevance of the listed information items is as follows:

U.S. Patent No. 6,023,151 to Hudson et al. shows a method and device for improving the accuracy of battery/capacity, remaining capacity, and remaining run-time determinations. A specific embodiment of the subject invention relates to implementing a dynamic End of Discharge Voltage (EODV) for rechargeable batteries and battery packs. The EODV can be adjusted based on environment, operating conditions, temperature, residual capacity, cell chemistry, cell size, form factor, discharge rate and/or the number of charge/discharge cycles the battery has undergone.

U.S. Patent No. 6,307,358 to Conrad teaches a method of controlling the electrical power applied to a load comprising the steps of producing a pulse training comprising a series of pulses, defining cycle in which a portion of the pulse trained having a duration of 10% of the cycle delivers more than 20% of the total power to the load which the load receives each cycle, and supplying the pulse training to the load to supply power to the load.

U.S. Patent No. 5,739, 672 to Lane shows a method for charging batteries at rate of at least five, or even ten times, normal battery capacity. By employing a pulsed charger in which various charging parameters are modified as a function of a combination of at least two 1st order sense parameters and at least one 2nd other sense parameters.

U.S. Patent No. 4,740,739 to Quammen et al. discloses a method for charging batteries where brief pulses of discharging current are superimposed upon the charging current

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waveform. A discharge current controller is provided in parallel with the battery having a resistor in series with an electrical switching means. The resistor dissipates the battery discharge energy as heat when the electrical switching means allows discharge current to flow. The discharge current is allowed to flow for a pulse duration selected between 50 and 100 microseconds. This brief discharge pulse is repeated at a time period on the order of 20 times the pulse duration.

U.S. Patent No. 5,367,244 to Rose et al. relates to a battery charging method comprising the steps of applying a charging current to the battery from a charge current supply, sensing the battery voltage, reducing the charging current when the battery voltage equals a target voltage and maintaining the battery voltage not greater than the target voltage during the preceding applying and reducing steps. The steps are repeated to provide a stepped current profile until the charging current is reduced to a minimum value. A similar method is described in U.S. Patent NO. 5,633,576, also to Rose et al.

U.S. Patent No. 5,801,515 to Chen et al. shows a method for ultrarapidly charging a battery wherein the charging current flowing into the battery is a group of pulses of multiple frequencies and multiple waveforms.

U.S. Patent No. 5,598,085 to Hassler discloses a circuit arrangement for charging rechargeable batteries that provides a continuously variable supply of electric energy to a battery to be charged.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,153,949 to Soderhall discloses an electric power management system that can provide momentarily high power.

U.S. Patent No. 5,959,371 to Dooley et al. relates to a power management system for an implantable device (an implantable cardioverter/defibrillator) using a comparator to signal when the supply voltage drops below a predetermined threshold. The control electronics pause charging until the power supply voltage exceeds a predetermined threshold. In one embodiment, the amount of pause time per each charge cycle is accumulated; in another embodiment, total charge time for each charge cycle is accumulated. Another charging system for an ICD is shown in U.S. Patent No. 5,904,705 to Kroll et al.

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